

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the following paragraph for the abstract now appearing in the currently filed specification:

An interferometry system including an interferometer that includes a source imaging system that focuses an input beam onto a spot on or in the object and an object imaging system that images the spot onto a detector element as an interference beam, wherein the source imaging system is characterized by a first aperture stop that defines a first aperture and includes a first phase shifter that introduces a first phase shift in light passing through a first region of the first aperture relative to light passing through a second region of the first aperture, and wherein the object imaging system is characterized by a second aperture stop that defines a second aperture and includes a second phase shifter that introduces a second phase shift in light passing through a first region of the second aperture relative to light passing through a second region of the second aperture.